

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 7, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs providing for
the use of a new textile export license/
commercial invoice printed on purple
guilloche pattern background paper.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March
3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the
Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7
U.S.C. 1854).

The Governments of the United States
and the People's Republic of China have
agreed to amend the existing export visa
requirements to provide for the use of a
new textile export license/commercial
invoice, issued by the Government of
the People's Republic of China, for
shipments of goods produced or
manufactured in China and exported
from China on and after January 1, 1998.
The new license/invoice shall be
printed on purple guilloche patterned
background paper with the map of the
People's Republic of China in the
middle. The new form has perforated
tractor feeds on both sides, and the
pattern of the paper has smaller
intersecting waves. The purple form
replaces the light grey export license/
commercial invoice currently in use.
The visa stamp is not being changed at
this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel
products which are produced or
manufactured in China and exported
from China during the period January 1,
1998 through February 28, 1998 may be
accompanied by a visa printed on either
the light grey background paper or the
purple background paper as described
above. Both the light grey and the
purple forms have a map of the People's
Republic of China in the middle.

See 60 FR 22567, published on May
8, 1995.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 7, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, the directive
issued to you on May 3, 1995, by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
establishes an export visa arrangement for
certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk
blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and
textile products, produced or manufactured
in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 1998, you are
directed to amend the May 3, 1995 directive
to provide for the use of export licenses/
commercial invoices issued by the
Government of the People's Republic of
China which are printed on purple guilloche
patterned background paper with a map of
the People's Republic of China in the middle.
The new form has perforated tractor feeds on
both sides, and the pattern of the paper has
smaller intersecting waves. The purple form
will replace the light grey form currently
being used.

To facilitate implementation of this
amendment to the export licensing system, I
request that you permit entry of textile
products, produced or manufactured in
China and exported from China during the
period January 1, 1998 through February 28,
1998, for which the Government of the
People's Republic of China has issued an
export license/commercial invoice printed on
either the light grey background paper or the
purple background paper as described above.
Both the light grey and the purple forms have
a map of the People's Republic of China in
the middle.

Goods exported on and after March 1, 1998
must be accompanied by an export visa
issued by the Government of the People's
Republic of China only on the purple license/
invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic
Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from
warehouse according to this directive which
are not accompanied by an appropriate
export visa shall be denied entry and a new
visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements has determined that this
action falls within the foreign affairs
exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5
U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Meeting Notice; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Uniformed Services University of the
Health Sciences.

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
November 3, 1997.

PLACE: Uniformed Services University
of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents
Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones
Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-
47999.

STATUS: Open—under "Government in
the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Approval of Minutes—August 4,
1997
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Report—Dean, Graduate School of
Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of
Regents
- (9) New Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive
Secretary of the Board of Regents, (301)
295-3116.

Dated: October 9, 1997.

Linda Bynum,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment
request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information
Officer, Office of the Chief Information
Officer, invites comments on the
proposed information collection
requests as required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and
requests for copies of the proposed
information collection requests should
be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill,